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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

**RE: Finance Docket No. 35380, San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad
Petition for a Declaratory Order**

Dear Ms. Brown:


I am writing on behalf of the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad ("SLRG") in connection with the above-captioned declaratory relief proceeding.

After SLRG submitted its opening statement of evidence and argument on August 24, it received a letter addressed to the Board and filed by Mary Alice Trujillo, representing a nonprofit group called Conejos County Clean Water, Inc. Ms. Trujillo asked the board to "stay" all filing deadlines in this proceeding until "the consummation" of a negotiation between the parties to this dispute under the auspices of Congressman John Salazar of Colorado. Under the current schedule set by the Board in its August 12, 2010, decision, public comments are September 27 and SLRG's reply is due October 12.

SLRG likewise desires to reach a negotiated solution to this dispute. Towards that end, SLRG joins in asking the Board to hold the proceeding in abeyance until the conclusion of those negotiations on or about September 11. At that time, SLRG will advise the Board as to the status of negotiations and the need, if any, to restore this proceeding to the Board's active docket.

SLRG appreciates the Board's assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted.


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SLRG counsel

cc: Steve Atencio, Esq.
Ms. Mary Alice Trujillo